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Duuude. Official wants to make the popular sign a permanent part of Vancouver

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Dude, where's my park?

Vancouver's park board wants to find a home for the Dude Chilling Park sign that became an Internet sensation after it mysteriously appeared in a Mount Pleasant green space in November.

Though city officials removed the near-perfect imitation of an official city sign from Guelph Park at 7th Avenue and Brunswick Street, park board chair Sarah Blyth will put forward a motion to find it a permanent place in light of the public response.

"It's fun and people are talking about it," Blyth said. "It gives personality to the city."

Google even renamed the park on its maps, Blyth added, though the company has since removed the shoutout.

The park board has received numerous calls, emails and letters with ideas for what to do with the sign, including putting it in an unnamed park near Commercial Drive or displaying it as public art.

More than 1,750 people signed an online petition to rename Guelph Park — an option that could also be on the table.

"People get a good feeling when they see it," Blyth said. "People in Vancouver are pretty chill, so for some reason it reflects the people in some way."

Another possibility is for the park to have two official names, she added. Pigeon Park, another city tract that recently grabbed headlines with regards to gentrification in the Downtown Eastside, actually has two names and is officially called Pioneer Place.

Vancouverites are encouraged to attend the park board meeting Monday night to weigh in on what to do with the sign, which currently resides at park board headquarters.

A woman walks in Vancouver's Guelph Park on Tuesday. A park board commissioner wants to preserve the popular Dude Chilling Park sign, inset, that appeared in the area last year. ERIC DREGER/FOR METRO

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Calling all hipsters: Casting on for Real Hipsters of Vancouver

No Housewives here. Producers looking for cast members who are 'cutting-edge, likable, interesting' and also possibly 'hateable'

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Attendees photograph one another at the second annual Hipster Olympics on July 21, 2012, in Berlin. ADAM BERRY/GETTY IMAGES

Hipster might not be a job, if the B.C. government is to be believed, but it might just be a career.

A casting call posted on Craigslist Sunday for a new reality show called The Real Hipsters of Vancouver has caught the attention of three producers and two production companies — including one in L.A. — in addition to the national media.

Creators and producers Britt Irvin, 28, and Jesse Haddock, 26, came up with the concept a few months ago after concurring that their circle of friends is far more interesting than anything they've seen on Vancouver's most notorious reality show.

"We started thinking this is much grittier and more interesting than watching wealthy people fight on TV: Seeing struggling artists and what they go through and the underground parties that they attend and the vintage clothing they wear that has become sort of hip all of a sudden," Irvin told Metro on Tuesday.

Irvin, an actor, and Haddock, a model, are looking for six or seven cast members who are "cutting-edge, likable, interesting, and outrageous," and also possibly "hateable."

"It's going to make the Real Housewives look like a church potluck," Irvin said.

"It's going to be more drama, more crazy, and it's going to be fuelled by a lot more alcohol and a lot less tact." (If that's even possible.)

Aspiring stars of the show are encouraged to make a five-minute tape that shows as much of their personality as possible.

"We'd like to see basically what the person's job is or dream is," Irvin explained, "what pisses them off, where they like to hang out, who they hang out with, what kind of music do they like, what kind of clothes do they like to wear."

The gig is paid but it will be unclear how much. Audition tapes must be submitted by March 18. For details, visit realhipstersofvancouver.com.

Judge hears confidential lawyer-client phone calls

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Normally lawyer-client phone calls are considered confidential, but a judge heard a series of conversations involving gang members and a lawyer in B.C. Supreme Court.

The Crown contends the phone calls are evidence the Vernon, B.C., lawyer was helping the gang.

William Mastop has already pleaded guilty to participating in the activities of a drug-dealing gang known as the Greeks. It is the first time in Canada that a lawyer has been convicted of such a gang-related crime.

Crown counsel David Jardine asked for a prison sentence of two and a half to three years during Mastop's sentencing hearing Tuesday.

Last November, four members of the Greeks gang and an associate were convicted of three brutal drug-related murders. Police have alleged that the gang may have killed as many as seven people.

Jardine told the hearing that information supplied by Mastop led to gang members killing two people who were believed to be police informants.

As it turned out, the two people were not informants, he said.

The Crown pointed out that Mastop played no role in the murders and had no knowledge that gang members would commit the murders, but he provided information that benefited the gang.

Justice Mark McEwan listened to calls Tuesday made to Mastop from members of the Greeks gang and their associates after police raided the home of the gang leader, Peter Manolakos, in August 2005.

During the calls, Mastop sometimes laughs at police tactics, including police surveillance that involved a woman sitting in the back of a king-cab pickup truck filming a target of the investigation while he was driving.

Defence lawyer David Crossin told the judge that while Mastop often provided legal advice during the calls, he crossed the line and provided improper information to gang members.

Crossin is expected to have more to say on the matter when he begins his submissions Wednesday at the sentencing hearing.

Mastop, who is on bail until sentenced, is no longer practising law.

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Police say they're winning war on car theft

Three more charged. Newly released figures show auto theft has plummeted since 2003

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The Vancouver Police Department said the capture of three alleged car thieves and the recovery of the vehicles they allegedly stole shows progress in the war against car theft.

In three separate incidents Monday and Tuesday, Shawn Gregory Nichols, Justin Gordon Brett and an unnamed 30-year-old from Surrey were all arrested in stolen vehicles and charged. All three had a history of auto theft.

The VPD offered statistics on Tuesday showing car thefts have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years. In 2003, they received reports of 18 stolen cars each day on average. By 2012, it had dropped to about three.

Const. Brian Montague attributed the decline to a combination of better technology, more informed drivers and the VPD targeting habitual thieves.

Despite the change, the motivation for auto theft has not changed. Most vehicles stolen are older and used by thieves to commit other crimes.

Brett, for instance, was arrested while allegedly robbing a liquor store and using a Honda Civic as a getaway vehicle.

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- **Ford F-Series** ('97, '03, '04)
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VPD Const. Brian Montague announces the arrests Tuesday. LIAM BRITTEN/METRO

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Vancouver's park board and community centres try — and fail — to make nice

Signs of reconciliation between Vancouver's park board and the six community centres refusing to negotiate with it were dashed Tuesday.

The holdouts from talks to redefine the city's operating agreement with the 23 community centres offered the board an olive branch late last week, stating they would "happily" join negotiations if certain conditions were met.

The board responded that it welcomed the desire to participate and that the holdouts should contact the centres already at the table to discuss getting involved, according to a letter signed by general manager Malcolm Bromley.

But that wasn't good enough for the holdouts.

Bromley's letter did not address four of the centres' conditions, including requests to eliminate a time-frame for negotiations and to say it doesn't consider revenue pooling the best option. The letter did acknowledge disputes already underway, and Bromley said he supported a fast resolution.

"This only further demonstrates their unwillingness to participate in transparent and respectful negotiations with any community-centre association," asserted a joint statement from the six centres.

The majority of centres, however, are in negotiations with the park board, and some progress has been made, according to both parties. It's unclear if the board has any intention to meet the holdouts' conditions or whether that would affect talks with the rest of the centres.

The board wants to promote equality across centres and proposed pooling revenue going forward — a suggestion that was met with hostility.

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Downtown Eastside

Sex worker tied up, dragged by van

Police are looking for a man accused of assaulting a sex-trade worker who was dragged by a van on a busy Vancouver street Monday evening.

After the man picked up the 42-year-old woman from the Downtown Eastside, he drove her to a secluded location, beat her and tied her up. The woman freed herself and jumped from the moving vehicle on Clark Drive, suffering a head injury and extensive abrasions.

"This is obviously extremely concerning for us," VPD Const. Brian Montague said. "I can't imagine how terrified that woman must have felt being beaten, tied up."

The suspect is a white male, balding and tanned, with a moustache or goatee and possibly an Australian accent. The vehicle is a white panel van with roof racks. LIAM BRITTEN/METRO

Ferry sinking. Crew member was not properly trained, trial hears

The order to switch to manual steering came at about the same time Karen Briker first noticed the Queen of the North passenger ferry and its 101 passengers and crew approaching Gil Island, a remote mass of land that would soon be ripping into the ship's hull.

Navigating officer Karl Lilgert shouted at Briker to switch off the autopilot so he could take the wheel. Briker, who had become a deckhand only the previous year, did not know how to operate the switch.

It caused a delay of just a few seconds, but Briker later blamed herself for the collision and subsequent sinking. As it turns out, she didn't know how to operate the switch because she was never trained, she testified during Lilgert's trial in B.C. Supreme Court.

The ferry eventually sank, leaving two passengers unaccounted for and Lilgert charged with criminal negligence causing their deaths.

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Anonymous. Mounties investigate racist emails

Mounties are investigating what they say are racist emails sent to three Chilliwack businesses.

Police say the first incident was reported on Feb. 28 by the owner of an Indian restaurant after eggs were thrown at his house and animal bones left at his door.

The owners of a taxi company and a second Indian restaurant stepped forward on Sunday and Monday after learning about the first email from media reports, and said they too had received similar emails.

All three emails were sent from the same anonymous address.

RCMP Cpl. Tammy Hollingsworth said that after the first incident was reported, an investigator responded to the email and received an anonymous apology.

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Court case

Collision victim awarded $700K

A 28-year-old pedestrian has been awarded almost $700,000 after being hit in a marked crosswalk by a pickup truck. Jayde Farand was on her lunch break in August 2009 at Beacon Hill Park in Victoria when she was struck. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Western Canada scam

Fraudster told to repay, go to jail

David Chodorowski, 41, of Brandon, Man., who set up a Ponzi scheme and defrauded investors in Western Canada, was sentenced to six years in jail on Friday and ordered to repay a total of $1.65 million to his 13 victims. KATE WEBB/METRO

B.C. Conservative Leader John Cummins pauses while speaking after releasing parts of his election-platform budget and fiscal framework in Vancouver on Tuesday.
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Tory budget plan: Smarter spending, modest surpluses

Five-year proposal. Provincial opposition leader says he'll balance budget without raising taxes, repeal carbon tax

Pre-campaign platform?

"I don't want to give away any of our deep secrets at this time."

B.C. Conservative Leader John Cummins on specific details of how he will fund his fiscal plan

B.C. Conservative Leader John Cummins appeared to launch his unofficial election campaign on Tuesday with the release of a five-year fiscal plan promising modest surpluses through smarter spending.

Cummins didn't release specifics of Conservative expenditures, however, saying voters can expect those details once the official campaign gets underway next month.

"That's the sort of detail that will come in our platform. I don't want to give away any of our deep secrets at this time," Cummins said.

The fiscal plan encompasses the current fiscal year up to fiscal 2017-18, covering spending up to a provincial election expected in the fall of 2017.

The Conservatives project a $209-million surplus in 2013-14, with total revenues of $43.6 billion and expenditures of $43.4 billion. By 2017-18, the surplus is projected to grow to $390 million, on revenues of $57.4 billion and expenditures of $57 billion.

The Liberal government predicted surpluses of $197 million for this budget cycle, growing to $460 million for 2015-2016, when it presented its budget last month.

A Conservative government would balance the budget without raising taxes, Cummins said, and repeal the carbon tax gradually over four years.

The carbon tax has failed, Cummins said, and it will be axed, along with the Low Income Climate Action tax credit and the Rural Homeowner Benefit that the Liberals put in place to offset the carbon tax.

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Venezuelan officials call for unity after death of Hugo Chavez

Uncertainty follows president's death. Foreign minister says Vice-President Nicolas Maduro will take over, with elections to be called within 30 days

Some in anguish, some in fear, Venezuelans raced for home and stocked up on food and water Tuesday after the government announced the death of President Hugo Chavez, the larger-than-life firebrand socialist who led the nation for 14 years.

Vice-President Nicolas Maduro's voice broke and tears ran down his face as he appeared on national television to announce that Chavez died "after battling hard against an illness over nearly two years."

He did not say what exactly killed Chavez, although the government had announced the previous night that a severe new respiratory infection had severely weakened him.

A few hours later, Foreign Minister Elias Jaua affirmed one of Chavez's final wishes: Maduro would be interim president and then be the ruling party's candidate to carry on Chavez's populist "revolution" in elections to be called within 30 days.

It was a day fraught with mixed signals, some foreboding and some violent. Just a few hours before announcing Chavez's death, Maduro made a virulent speech against enemies he claimed were trying to undermine Venezuelan democracy.

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Canadian reaction

As Chavez, 58, finally succumbed on Tuesday to the cancer he had been fighting for nearly two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke out about the death.

- Harper offered his "condolences to the people of Venezuela," and said he looked forward "to working with (Chavez's) successor and other leaders in the region to build a hemisphere that is more prosperous, secure and democratic."
- The prime minister in a statement said: "I hope the people of Venezuela can now build for themselves a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights."

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Supporters of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez react in downtown Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, on Tuesday after the vice-president announced Hugo Chavez's death. FERNANDO LLANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family of Oscar Pistorius feuds over father's remarks on guns, crime

A public feud erupted on Tuesday within the family of Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with murdering his girlfriend, as the runner and his relatives distanced themselves from comments his father reportedly made about guns and crime in South Africa.

South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, also waded into the family dispute. A spokesman for the party accused Henke Pistorius, the runner's father, of racism for his observations reported in British newspapers about crime against white South Africans and the suggestion that the ANC government isn't adequately protecting them.

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Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius' father, Henke Pistorius, right, watches with his children as his son Oscar walks into court during his bail hearing in February.

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Baird. Palestinians could face 'consequences' for pursuing Israel at the UN

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has told a powerful pro-Israel lobby that Palestinians will feel "consequences" from Canada if they pursue the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

Baird issued the warning just as the federal government considers whether to end hundreds of millions of dollars in Canadian humanitarian aid to the Palestinians when the program expires at the end of this month.

Baird delivered his message on Sunday to an approving audience in Washington at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

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Doubtful discounts. Shoppers at three new Ontario stores find the savings don't match what's on offer in U.S.

Employees welcome the first shoppers who lined up for the new Target store in Guelph, Ont. on Tuesday. The company is expected to open between 125 and 135 locations in Canada. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The long-awaited arrival of U.S. discount giant Target means Canadians can now get their hands on the famed bull's-eye brand's wares without crossing the border — though the savings here might not equal those down south.

The retail chain, which opened its doors on Tuesday in three communities west of Toronto, has said Canadian customers will likely see a difference in pricing compared to items carried in its U.S. stores, with the company focused on being "competitively priced" with retailers in Canada.

A spokeswoman for Target Canada couldn't say exactly how that will play out on shelves in the newly launched Ontario stores in Guelph, Fergus and Milton or the dozens more locations the company expects to open across the country.

Pricing depends on a number of factors and it's difficult to give case-by-case examples or even narrow it down to categories of products more likely to warrant higher prices, Lisa Gibson said on Tuesday.

"In certain cases, the prices will actually be completely on par with U.S. prices and in some cases there might be some differences, but ... our overall goal is to make sure we're competitive with the marketplace," she said, adding the company is also bringing in a five per cent reward program from the U.S.

At the Guelph store, a 2.95-litre bottle of Tide laundry detergent was priced at $15.99 Tuesday, compared with $11.99 US on Target's American website. The same product was listed for $15.99 on the Canadian Tire site. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dow wows

Stock index surges past all-time high

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record on Tuesday, beating the previous high it set in October 2007, before the financial crisis and the Great Recession. The index rose 126 points, or one per cent, to 14,253, beating its previous record by 89 points. In fact, it is up nearly nine per cent this year, capping a remarkable comeback.
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Market Minute

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DO PRICEY JEANS COME WITH DEEP POCKETS?

JUST SAYIN'

Mike Benhaim
Guest columnist

During a recent trip to Montreal, I found myself engaged in a fascinating discussion with a 30-year-old metrosexual male who was passionately extolling the virtues of the $450 pair of jeans he wore.

Now, I'm not one to dismiss the importance of personal style and presentation, but if I were Forrest Gump, I'd say, "I've worn lots o' jeans." While I can easily recognize an obvious difference in quality, I saw nothing that great in this particular pair.

I admitted to having owned a few pair of jeans for which I paid too much, even on sale. But I have never found them to improve as much with time as I've been told a good pair should.

Furthermore, $450 is not the most shocking price tag around.

It seems that even Ye Olde Levi's Shoppe now produces a hand-sewn, heavy-denim product that retails for $500.

Apparently, these magical pants will create the illusion that even the oddest-shaped individual is actually fit.

Keeping an open mind, I began to pay attention to brand-name jeans, such as Diesel and 7 For All Mankind, that ranged between $350 and $900. Yeah, you heard me! And that's nothing.

APO Jeans will sell you a custom product with pockets lined in pure silk, a perfectly polished silver zipper and a real diamond button for $4,000!

Why do I get the feeling there's a Kardashian behind this somewhere?

People of Earth, I beg you: for the sake of the children, "Stop the madness!"

They're jeans!

Jeans were meant to be comfortable and casual. The coolest ones are faded and frayed at the edges. They've been worn out in all the right places and can be passed on to someone else when your ass grows out of them.

Sure, you should expect to pay more now than you did in the '80s, but please.

There are plenty of good quality, excellent-fitting jeans available for under $100, and if you think they make you look fat then — you're fat! Work on that instead of putting all the pressure on your clothing.

Now, I can always forgive the feminine whimsy (within reason) if the result is extraordinary, but men: I speak on behalf of guys more and less macho than myself when I say to find a pair of jeans that feel good and spend $20 getting them altered to your liking. That's it.

If your girlfriend wants to play dress-up with you, as some women will do, and buys you a pair of the ol' rhinestone cowgirls, return them for a cheaper pair and buy her a very nice dinner with the change. If you don't, you'll be scheduled the next day for a mani-pedi and full-body manscaping that sounds much nicer than it feels.

Now, I can hardly wait for all the stylish club-goers I've offended to tweet the cheap out of me, but I ask that the rest of you find this online and tell me where you buy YOUR jeans and how much you pay for them.

Just sayin'.

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ZOOM

Sally the camel had 1 maple leaf

MARTIN LIPMAN/CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fossils offer climate clues

Dr. Natalia Rybczynski examines the fossil bones of the High Arctic camel laid out in a lab at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The fossil evidence consists of about 30 bone fragments, which together form part of a limb bone of a camel. Found on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, this is the northernmost discovery of camels in the Arctic, about 1,200 kilometres further north than the Yukon camel. The camel lived about three-and-a-half million years ago, when the region supported a boreal-type forest.

Back when this camel was browsing leaves and shoots, the entire global climate averaged about two or three degrees warmer than it is now.

That's about as much a difference as scientists say the Earth can undergo today without catastrophic changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An illustration of the High Arctic camel on Ellesmere Island during the Pliocene warm period, about three-and-a-half million years ago. HANDOUT

Clickbait

What was the worst hashtag fail so far? We'll let you be the judge.

#susanalbumparty
In November 2012, the PR team behind Britain's Susan Boyle was relentlessly mocked for their use of the 'susanalbumparty' hashtag.

#RIMjobs
In what will likely stand as the greatest Canadian hashtag fail, the company formerly known as Research in Motion chose to court prospective employees via the 'RIMjobs' hashtag.

#McDstories
Last year, McDonald's asked its customers to share memories of dining at the fast-food joint via a 'McDstories' hashtag. Sooner than you could say 'happy meal,' the tag was flooded with accounts of finding fingernails in Big Macs and other sordid stories.

#Rogers1Number
In another Canadian example, Rogers paid Twitter to keep the 'Rogers1Number' tag atop the site's list of trending topics last March. Of course, the hashtag allowed customers to publicize their complaints about poor service and perceived price-gouging.

#Hobbitch
Earlier this year, a Swiss company used the 'Hobbitch' hashtag to promote the latest installment in the Lord of the Rings movie franchise. It's a case of lost in translation, as .ch is the official domain name for Switzerland.

Letters

Re: Horsemeat big business in Alberta, published March 4.

The article indicates that only horses at their end of life are slaughtered.

This is not true! MANY YOUNG HEALTHY horses are slaughtered because the owners either don't know the possible outcome of taking their horse to an auction, or don't care.

There are also some irresponsible (using nice language here) horse breeders who purposely 'over breed'. They keep what they consider the cream of the crop and send the rest to auction.

Pat Rollock, Calgary

What is wrong with the world today? Can we not draw a line on which animals we will 'slaughter' and consume?

I am confused by the poll and growing acceptance of Canadians to consume horsemeat. Would you stand by and allow your cats and dogs to be slaughtered and then be eaten?

Ruth S., Whitby, Ont.

I was shocked by the article on horse meat. The reporter did not do enough research, the facts are that bute has been found in horsemeat often and it causes cancer in humans.

Cindy Cardy, London, Ont.

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A century of Oz-inspired entertainment

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When New Girl star Zooey Deschanel was two years old she watched The Wizard of Oz every day. "I had a hard time understanding that I couldn't go into the film," she said, "because it felt so real to me."

She's not alone. It is one of the most watched and universally adored Hollywood films ever.

This weekend Disney hopes to add to the legacy of the original film with Oz the Great and Powerful, a Sam Raimi directed prequel starring James Franco and Mila Kunis. Ever wondered why the wicked witch was so wicked? Or how the wizard became the wizard? With a click of its ruby slippers this movie fills in the blanks. It's not the first movie to try and woo an audience based on Oz and its citizens.

1910's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was the first Baum book to hit the screen. Almost seven decades later, two very different musicals were inspired by the Oz folks.

20th Century Oz is a 1976 Australian rock musical that reimagines the classic story set in 1970s Australia. Two years later director Sidney Lumet adapted the Broadway hit The Wiz for the screen, casting Motown superstars Diana Ross as Dorothy and Michael Jackson as The Scarecrow. Although it was, at the time, the most expensive film musical ever made, it wasn't a hit in theatres.

This film image released by Disney Enterprises shows James Franco as Oz, left, and the character Finley, voiced by Zach Braff, in a scene from Oz the Great and Powerful. DISNEY ENTERPRISES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oz prequel brings Braff back to a 'magical place'

Oz the Great and Powerful. Director Sam Raimi 'at his finest' says the former Scrubs star

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Years ago I asked one of the original Wizard of Oz munchkins to explain the movie's enduring appeal.

"Everybody can enjoy it," said Karl Slover who was just two feet tall when he played the first trumpeter. "There's no filthy language in it. I don't see no bikinis! No nudist colonies! Kids can watch it and parents don't have to worry because there's nothing bad in there."

I recently asked Zach Braff the same question in an interview to promote Oz the Great and Powerful, a prequel to the most beloved movie of all time.

"It reminds us of our childhood," says the former Scrubs star, "and it reminds us of this magical place where crazy things happen. It is innocent and it is pure and it is amazing that it holds up. It was made in 1939, most kids don't see other movies made in 1939."

The new flick, co-staring James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Wiliams, is a state-of-the-art film, but it's something that has been gestating for some time.

"I heard that Walt Disney always wanted to make an Oz movie," he says. "There's 13 books, so why not go back to that world and tell it from a 2013 perspective."

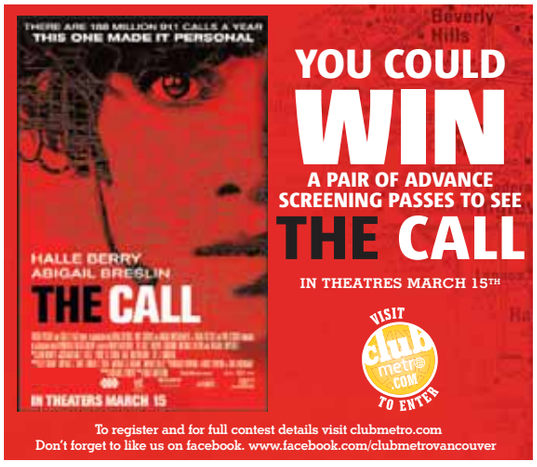
The new film echoes the original, starting with black and white scenes shot in Kansas before moving to the eye-popping fantasy world of Oz. The movie's modern twist is the addition of high tech tricks to make your eyes and ears dance. Braff calls the film's visual and audio tweaks — increasing the depth of the 3D and adding in surround sound for the Oz scenes, for example — "Sam Raimi at his finest."

Raimi, the director behind the Evil Dead movies and a little franchise called Spider-Man, was the big reason Braff signed on to the project.

"I heard Sam wanted to meet me in his office. That's a good call to get."

Braff, who made his directorial debut on the 2004 indie film Garden State, calls Raimi a "wonderful mentor who let me watch this whole process." Even on his days off the actor would go to the set to learn about big budget filmmaking from watching the old pro work on Oz's enormous sets.

"Sam's the biggest mensch on earth. The guy's a saint. He's too good to be true."



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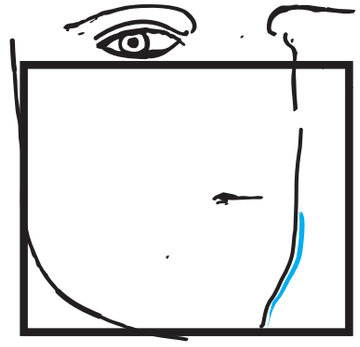

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God: Pope was a IV out of X

@TheTweetOfGod. Metro tweets with God about the search for the next pope

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

As the cardinals arrive in Vatican City to find a new pope to replace the recently resigned Benedict XVI, we caught up with God, a.k.a. David Javerbaum, the 11-time Emmy winning comedian who runs the popular @TheTweetOfGod Twitter account and author of The Last Testament: A Memoir by God.

Popes don't resign — has ex-Benedict incurred your wrath by doing this or did you fire him?
I'm not angry. In the end it came down to "creative differences," in that I am infinitely creative and he is different.

In his final speech he said at tough times "it seemed the Lord was sleeping." Were you ducking his calls?
No, he was right. I was sleeping. It was the seventh day of the week. How does he not know what I do on the seventh day? #genesis1bennyboy

What score would you give his reign?
I'd give it a IV out of X.

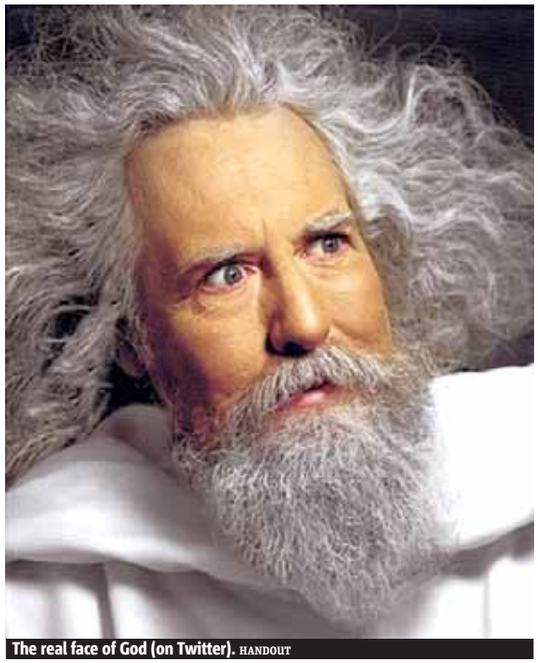
Are you concerned about the vacuum now he's gone? Who will you speak through on Earth now?
I will continue to speak through the mentally ill and/or con men, and by "and" I mean conservative Republicans.

How is recruitment for a replacement going — and who would be your ultimate fantasy pope?
No comment on who the new Pope might be. Obviously My fantasy would be 'Poprah'. But she won't return My calls.

The pope had a strong social media game — how will you bring the Vatican more in line with the digital era?
It's pretty hard to bring the "digital era" to a place where, as the names of the Pope indicate, they don't even have digits.

Will you be reclaiming the Popemobile?
Not reclaiming, but fixing up. I'm giving it racing stripes, low-riders, and an engine that runs on holy water and Jesus-body.

Off topic but who are you most keen to send to hell?
My bill collector. Satan owes me 500 years' back rent.



The real face of God (on Twitter). HANDOUT

Twitter

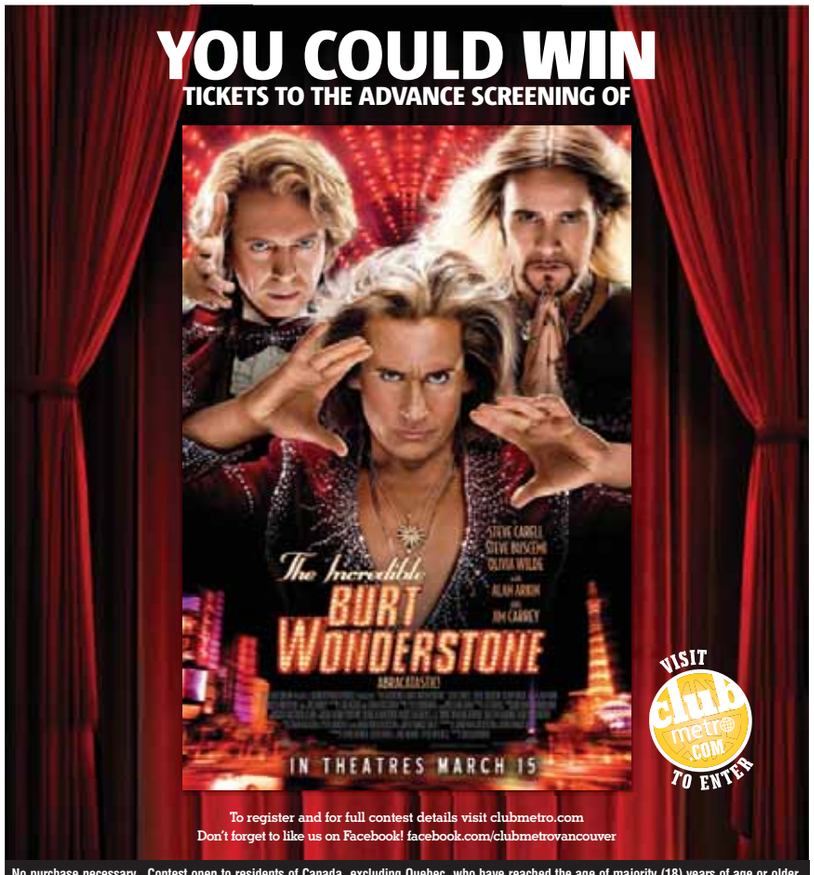
Our favourite fake accounts

Fake Twitter accounts have been around since the birth of Twitter — way back in 2010, an Abe "Barney Miller" Vigoda imposter used the service to deny reports of his death ("Hamsters are cute and fuzzy. I'm alive!!"). Our interview with The Tweet of God (@thetweetofgod) got us thinking about the best ones.

Michael Haneke
@Michael_Haneke
The Austrian Oscar winner (Amour) is known for his severe films that feature torture, shocking deaths and Nazi themes (he rarely smiles in photos either). So of course he'd tweet about his "stinky" cat, ending every missive with an "lol." **Sample tweet:** well dun 2 argo!!1! @adamsandler can i has my magic remote contrl bak? i need it 4 sumthng quik lol

Zooey Asks Siri
@ZooeySiri
She's a dork. She's adorable. She's adorkable! Zooey Deschanel is the perfect target, then, for this account, which imagines her hipster musings, spoken to Siri, just like in the Apple commercial. **Sample tweets:** Siri, do windows ever feel bashful? Siri, what if hairs don't want to be cut? Siri, since I've never seen a koala bear, how do I know they exist?

Miguel Bloombito
@ElBloombito
New York's Mayor Michael Bloomberg often throws a little Spanish into news conferences. Unfortunately, he cannot speak Spanish. **Sample tweet:** Cuidado! El sñowado que fallingo y makero el calle muy slipperyo. Necesito los skis! METRO



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The Word

What's going on with Kim's maternity wardrobe?

THE WORD
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As a woman who has grown a baby in her uterus, I know how hard it is to find good maternity clothing. So I can relate to Kim Kardashian's problem of finding a flattering pregnancy wardrobe. But I'm not sure why she's continuing to dress like she isn't pregnant.

I'm guessing her fashion-plate boyfriend, Kanye West, has something to do with it.

Case in point: as soon as Kardashian started to show, she decided to don this mesh-leather-feather-pants ensemble that made her resemble a motorcycle-riding ostrich. Then she wore this ill-fitting white ensemble on Saturday, which is made for a much taller, much less knocked-up person.

I'm not saying you can't look nice while pregnant. I'm just saying you should probably leave the high fashion at home.

Twitter

@SarahSilverman
BACKFIRE: This AdvilPM is giving me the dancing bug

@Rosie
On my way to film SMASH — love that show so much ... I am playing me — luckily I have done a lot of research ;)

@MARLONLWAYANS
Balling hard in my solitude of peace ... Whatever that means

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Swift: Back up those rumours, people

Taylor Swift has some news for everyone keeping track of her love life. "If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I have dated exactly two people," she tells Vanity Fair, referring to high schooler Conor Kennedy and One Direction member Harry Styles. "The fact that there are slide shows of a dozen guys that I either hugged on a red carpet or met for lunch or wrote a song with, it's just kind of ridiculous." But she doesn't let all the talk get to her. "One of these things I say to myself to calm myself down when I feel like it's all too much … if there's a pregnancy rumour, people will find out it's not true when you wind up not pregnant," she says. "And if there's a house rumour, they'll find out it's not true when you are actively not ever spotted at that house."

Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bieber gets booed in London

Justin Bieber got a late start in London this week, courting boos from an angry, impatient audience, according to the BBC. "Last night I was scheduled after three opening acts to go on stage at 9:35, not 8:30, but because of some technical issues i got on at 10:10, so I was 40 minutes late to [the] stage. There is no excuse for that and I apologize for anyone we upset," he tweeted.

Justin Bieber

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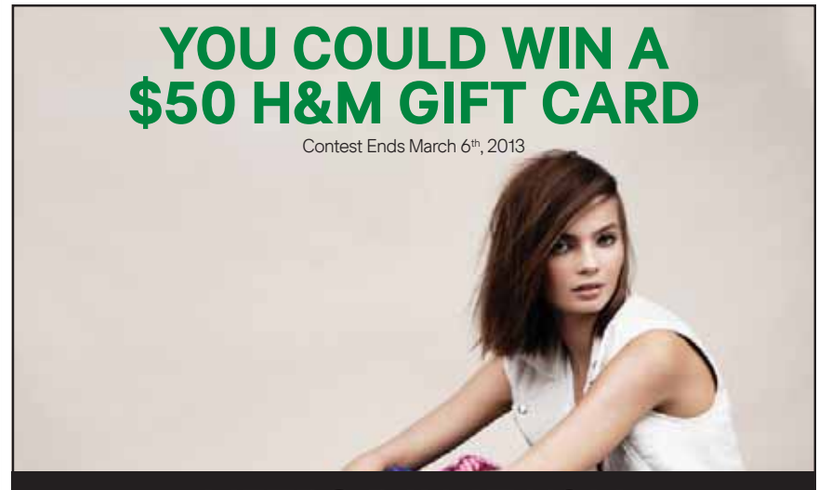

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If you are Cuba-bound this March Break, a day trip to Havana is a must. For a true taste of this time-warped capital, be sure to visit these must-see spots.

ON THE MOVE
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5 Hot spots in Havana

Take a vintage car ride

The country is home to approximately 60,000 classic American automobiles that industrious Cubans have kept running since the 1959 revolution. Although a very walkable city, an hour long tour is a great way to get oriented. Ask the driver to cruise along the Malecon, an eight kilometre boulevard stretching alongside the Atlantic Ocean. Either arrange in advance through Gran Car or find a driver in Parque Central.

Hang out in Parque Central

The buzz created by masses of Cubans and tourists passing through the park is infectious. The building housing the Cuban National Ballet is stunning. And no visit is complete without a photo in front of the Capitolio Nacional. It was completed in 1929 as a tribute to its sister building in Washington, D.C.

Soak up the atmosphere of a retro hotel

Built on a hill above the Malecon, the grand Hotel Nacionale's 1930s tiled lobby and colonnaded veranda looking out to the sea is right out of a movie. The heart of Old Havana is sprinkled with smaller hotels, like Hotel Raquel, which have painstakingly restored their interior courtyards into an oasis of luxury. All are worth a peek.

Get a glimpse of glory at Plaza Vieja

Check out the Plaza Vieja. It has been undergoing a decade-long restoration and gives a glimpse of what Havana could look like if returned to its former glory. Make sure you also wander the narrow, congested, delightfully intriguing, cobbled surrounding streets of the old city. The UNESCO World Heritage site contains almost 1,000 buildings of historic importance.

Try a mojito, a la Hemingway

El Floridita and La Bodeguita del Medio are the two most famous ones, largely due to their affiliation with author Ernest Hemingway. Word is he preferred the daiquiris at the former and mojitos at the later. I tried both and agree. In addition to pouring over the throwback decor, the frequent appearance of live bands gives an opportunity for a taste of the vibrant Cuban music.

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COURTESY OF WILD TURKEY

Bite into the low-fat side of a Philly Cheese Steak

This recipe serves eight. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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A Philly Cheese Steak sandwich is high in calories, fat and sodium. But if you use a top sirloin, which is lean, you'll be shocked how delicious it is at just 170 calories per serving and 8.2 grams of fat.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add onions and sauté 8 mins. Add garlic, sugar, salt, pepper and bell pepper. Sauté 5 minutes. Set aside and keep warm.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil and place over high heat. Cook steak until done to your preference, approx. 5 mins. Cool 5 mins. before cutting into thin slices. Add to the veg mix.

4. Combine mayo, sour cream and horseradish. Spread over both sides of rolls. Divide filling among 4 rolls, sprinkle with cheese and replace top half of bun. Place on prepared baking sheet; bake 5 mins. Slice in half.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 cup each sliced red and green bell pepper
- 8 oz grilling steak
- 2 tbsp low-fat mayo
- 3 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 2 tsp horseradish
- 4 small wholegrain rolls (6-inch), split
- 3/4 cup grated provolone

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Looking for a job? Lose the white socks

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Formal interview attire is preferred by one-third of CIOs

OLIVIA HOSKIN
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When it comes to information technology interviews, interviewees can never be too formal.

Students and recent grads looking to become IT professionals may want to trade in their casual interview attire for something more suitable: a suit. The statistics don't lie; in a recent Robert Half Technology survey, 33 per cent of CIOs said a suit was the most appropriate attire for someone interviewing for an IT job. Additionally, 29 per cent favoured tailored separates, while another 29 per cent prefer khakis and collared shirts.

It takes only a few seconds to form a first impression, and for a short interview, those seconds may make or break your chances of being hired.

Here are a few technology job interview attire guidelines:

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Be comfortable

You want to be as confident and comfy as possible! If you are physically uncomfortable, this will show in your behaviour during the interview. Women, this means saving those stilettos for the club, not the office.

Don't overlook the small things

Make sure your shoes match your belt (or purse), and never, ever wear white socks! Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean. If you are unsure, ask a professional … or your mom.

Everything in moderation

Choose one "thing" that interviewers can remember you by, like a bow in your hair or a uniquely-coloured dress shirt, but ultimately, the interview is about your qualities and skills, not your fashion sense. Remember to avoid overwhelming perfumes/colognes, excessive or inappropriately-coloured makeup and distracting jewelry.

Mama knows...

Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean. If you are unsure, ask a professional ... or your mom.
Olivia Hoskin

Shut it off!

This is an obvious step that if forgotten, is often an immediate deal-breaker. Skip the silent setting and turn your phone off when you have interviews. Be present and distraction free.

Webcam interviews are still interviews

To ensure that you are distraction-free for webcam interviews, book a study room at school for an hour or two. This ensures a quiet and distraction-free zone. If you do not have access to a private room, just be sure to dress professionally from head to toe.

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Canucks fall prey to Sharks in shootout

NHL. Vancouver falls short on comeback trail

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The Canucks couldn't complete the comeback.

The Canucks lost to the San Jose Sharks 3-2 in a four-round shootout Tuesday at Rogers Arena.

The Canucks trailed 2-0 midway through the hockey game. The Sharks got goals from Scott Gomez and Adam Burish — the latter's tally coming on a short-handed partial breakaway that saw the puck sneak underneath the left arm of Vancouver goalie Cory Schneider.

Not a good sign when the two opposing players to score on you had combined for not a single goal all season.

Henrik Sedin injected life into the arena and got the Canucks on the board with his fourth goal of the season. The goal came on a broken play, as his twin brother Daniel threw a waist-high pass from the corner that found its way onto Henrik's stick.

He calmly deked to the backhand and slid the puck past the left pad of Antti Niemi.

Jannik Hansen tied the game with 25 seconds remaining in the second period.

It was Hansen's third goal in as many games.

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Vancouver Canucks forward Daniel Sedin dodges a shot, which was stopped by San Jose Sharks goalie Antti Niemi at Rogers Arena on Tuesday.
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CFL. Lions open 2013 season against Stampeders

Former Lion Geroy Simon makes his return to Vancouver on Oct. 4.
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The B.C. Lions on Tuesday released their schedule for the upcoming 2013 Canadian Football League season.

The Lions will kick off the regular season June 28 in Calgary against the Stampeders. It will be a rematch of last year's Western final, which the host Lions lost, upsetting their plans to repeat as Grey Cup champions.

The Lions play their home opener the following week, on July 4, against the Toronto Argonauts, the defending Grey Cup champs.

But the game most local fans may be looking forward to doesn't happen until October.

Geroy Simon, a fan favourite during his illustrious 12-year career with the Lions and the CFL's all-time leader in receiving yards, makes his return to BC Place as a member of the rival Saskatchewan Roughriders on Oct. 4.

Simon, 37, was traded to the Roughriders in January, after he and Lions general manager Wally Buono couldn't agree on a role for the aging slot back.

The Lions open training camp in Kamloops on June 2, and will play Calgary and the Edmonton Eskimos in pre-season action prior to the season opener.

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Whitecaps' Cannon more positive these days

Joe Cannon had a choice.

He could have moved on from the Vancouver Whitecaps and the rigours of Major League Soccer at the end of last season, having watched as Brad Knighton surpassed him as the No. 1 goalie.

Or he could have worked tirelessly on his fitness in the off-season — choosing to use a personal trainer — and decided to come back to Vancouver and compete for the starter's job.

The 38-year-old Cannon, who got married this off-season, is revitalized. He earned the starter's job coming out of training camp and produced a shutout Saturday against Toronto FC.

"The things that I think I've improved on is just, no matter what, you're going to live life and you can decide if you're going to be happy about it or if you can complain about it," Cannon said Tuesday.

"There's no point in me trying to re-hash it. I'm not doing anything special, I'm literally just trying to be a bit more positive and optimistic and like the cliché says, take it one day at a time because I felt so great out there.

"I never knew if I was going to play in front of our fans ever again. That was a reality that I have faced and I was just so happy to be out there."

CAM TUCKER/METRO

The Blackhawks celebrate one of their four first-period goals against the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday in Chicago.
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Wild ride continues as Chicago wins again

NHL. Blackhawks surge past Minnesota to keep points streak alive

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The Chicago Blackhawks set a franchise record with their 10th consecutive victory and extended their points streak to 29 games with a 5-3 win against the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday night.

Bryan Bickell scored twice in the first period, and Patrick Kane added a big goal in the third as Chicago (20-0-3) remained the only team in the NHL without a regulation loss. It also snapped a tie with the 1977-78 Montreal Canadiens for the second-longest points streak in league history.

Ryan Suter scored his first goal with Minnesota, sending a power-play slap shot past a screened Corey Crawford in the third period. Kyle Brodziak then poked his own rebound to get the Wild within one at 10:32.

But Kane beat Darcy Kuemper just 61 seconds later, sending a rebound into the upper-right corner for his team-best 12th goal.

Brandon Saad had a goal and two assists for the Blackhawks, who host the Colorado Avalanche on Wednesday night. Marian Hossa scored after he was honoured in a pregame ceremony, and Crawford finished with 20 saves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AHL. Tokarski, Bulldogs blank Heat

Dustin Tokarski has made his presence felt since being dealt to the Hamilton Bulldogs.

The organized defence in front of him helped Tokarski to record 27 saves and his second consecutive shutout as the Bulldogs defeated the Abbotsford Heat 2-0 in the American Hockey League Tuesday.

Through six starts as a Bulldog since his trade from the Syracuse Crunch, Tokarski now has two shutouts and a save percentage of .960.

The goaltender took little credit for himself, instead praising his teammates for their defensive showing on Tuesday.

"Guys are staying tight and keeping guys to the outside," said Tokarski. "They're giving me a look at the first shot and clearing the rebound if I don't control it.

"I think that the defensive corps has been outstanding in the last couple games, and we're looking to keep it going."

Joey Tenute scored the game winner for the Bulldogs (23-27-6) and Louis Leblanc added an empty-net goal.

Hamilton has rounded into form late in the season, having won nine of its last 13 games.

Leland Irving stopped 21 of 22 shots for the Heat (27-24-8) in a losing effort.
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Review. Volkswagen's drop-top has arrived in all its attention grabbing glory

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When Volkswagen introduced the Beetle hatchback for the 2012 model year, you had to suspect the convertible edition was hard on its heels.

Convertible Beetles have been around since 1949, when the first rear-engine, air-cooled Type 15 was launched. VW sold more than 330,000 of them worldwide over the next 32 years, then cranked out another 235,000 New Beetle Convertibles from 2003 until the 2010 model year when it was put out to pasture.

The third-generation Beetle (the "New" is gone) Convertible that goes on sale in mid-February maintains the tradition, but in a less-retro way. Visually, the body is slightly lower, but is now a substantial 8.5 centimetres wider and about 15 centimetres longer than the old New Beetle. That means significantly more leg and elbowroom, for both front- and rear-seat passengers. Front headroom is nearly as generous as before despite the lower profile, while rear-seat headroom actually increases slightly.

The Beetle Convertible benefits from a more rigid body architecture with 20 per cent more resistance to bending and twisting. This is helpful since convertibles don't have a roof structure to join the back and the front of the car together. The only real support is in the floor.

Base Beetle Convertibles fall under the Comfortline trim name and include most power and climate accouterments plus a set of roll bars behind the back seat that immediately pop up should a tip-over be detected. Heated front seats and leatherette seat covers are included, but beware of burning skin on hot summer days.

The High-line adds a genuine leather interior, sport bucket seats, push button start, 17-inch wheels (16s are standard) and fancier interior/exterior trim.

High-line models can also be enhanced with a 400-watt nine-speaker Fender audio system and touch-screen navigation.

In content and usable space, the Beetle Convertible represents a giant leap forward. It's no longer a cutesy toy car, but should now resonate with performance-minded buyers who would prefer the option of bringing a few friends along to savour the open-air experience.

Design

Volkswagen's designers have done as great a job fashioning the Beetle Convertible as they did with the hatchback and have even succeeded in creating a less miniscule trunk. Just make sure you pack only the essentials. To be fair, the split-folding rear seat lets you extend the stowage area when two or three passengers are aboard.

2013 VW Beetle Convertible

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive convertible
- **Engine (hp)**: 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $30,300

Engine

Only a single powertrain is being offered in Beetle Convertibles sold in Canada: A 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder. Our fortunate American cousins will also be able to select a turbo-charged 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, or a 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel.

Roof

The soft top is triple lined on the outside and has three layers of insulation on the inside to minimize noise. Two electric motors raise and lower the top in 9.5 and 11 seconds, respectively, at vehicle speeds up to 50 km/h. The top no longer extends beyond the rear deck when folded, which makes for a much tidier appearance.

The Chevrolet SS: It's about time

Auto Pilot. It's been 17 long years since Chevy released a model like this

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The 2014 Chevrolet SS, and its NASCAR Sprint Cup equivalent, both made their official debuts at last weekend's Daytona 500. SUBMITTED

At last weekend's big NASCAR race in Daytona, Chevrolet officially unveiled its newest sedan, the 2013 Chevrolet SS.

When it arrives in dealerships at the end of the year, it will be the first time in 17 years that Chevrolet will offer a rear-drive V8-powered sedan in North America.

Hallelujah

I guess I have a soft spot for Chevrolet rear-drive V8 sedans, because they were what my father drove during the 1970s, when I was a very impressionable and car-needy teenager. He taught me to drive in his 1971 Chevrolet Impala.

Good on Chevrolet for realizing that the brand needs to have at least one of these beasts in its catalogue. People yearn for them, it's part of Chevrolet's heritage, and it corrects that strained NASCAR visual universe, where Chevrolet-based NASCAR teams have been covering their ferocious rear-drive V8 racecars with body shells based on Impala stylings. The Impala has been a neutered, front-drive V6 sedan since 2000.

No coincidence that the NASCAR Chevrolet SS race car also debuted at the Daytona race. And right on script, five-time series champion Jimmie Johnson, in the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet SS, took home the checkered flag.

The Chevrolet SS also upholds the "SS" designation with pride and purpose. (The brand has traditionally reserved those letters to designate high-performance Chevys.) The new SS will be motivated by essentially the same, newly-engineered 6.2-litre small-block V8 used in the 2013 Corvette — good for 415-hp and 415 lb-ft of torque. The only transmission is a six-speed automatic with manual shifters mounted on the steering wheel.

Rear-drive V8 sedans were once ubiquitous. Now they are premium pieces, which is the way they should be I guess. Not too many of us need that much engine. But as we've seen time and time again, when it comes to automobile love, or any kind of love for that matter, need has nothing to do with it.

From Oz

- The SS uses a derivative of the rear-drive platform under Camaro, a platform initially developed by Holden, GM's subsidiary in Australia.
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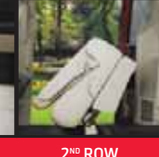

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♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may be practical and methodical by nature but don't immerse yourself in details too deeply today or you may lose sight of the wider picture — a picture that looks brighter by the moment.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you have ambitions to be someone important then this is clearly a make or break time. It won't just happen as if by magic, of course, but it will happen if you are determined to make it happen. Get busy.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
A friend is opposing you only because they genuinely believe they are acting in your best interests. Inform them that you are the one who decides what your interests are, though be polite about it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Cut back on your workload over the next few days, even if it means you earn less than before. Don't worry that you won't be able to make ends meet. You should know by now that fate usually provides.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If there is a project that needs completing, now is the time to make that extra effort. If there is a relationship that needs rescuing, now is the time to kiss and make up.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It seems you are weighed down by domestic chores. Fortunately, beneficial events over the next two days will lighten your load and free up time for more enjoyable things. Love is in the air.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Keep your plans under wraps so no one has the chance to steal your ideas. One of the most creative times of the year will begin quite soon, so it's OK to put your own needs first.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you allow your emotions to get the better of you today then squabbles are inevitable, but if you refuse to give in to negative emotions then you will sail through the day with ease. The choice is yours.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Think before you speak today but don't hold back once you have decided what you want to say. Not everyone will be happy with your observations but what matters is that you call it as you see it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Resist the urge to splash out on things you don't really want or need. Impulse buying will deplete your resources faster than you thought possible, so let someone else hold the purse strings.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's time to start something that delights you. It does not matter what your work or family responsibilities may be you must make time for what you enjoy.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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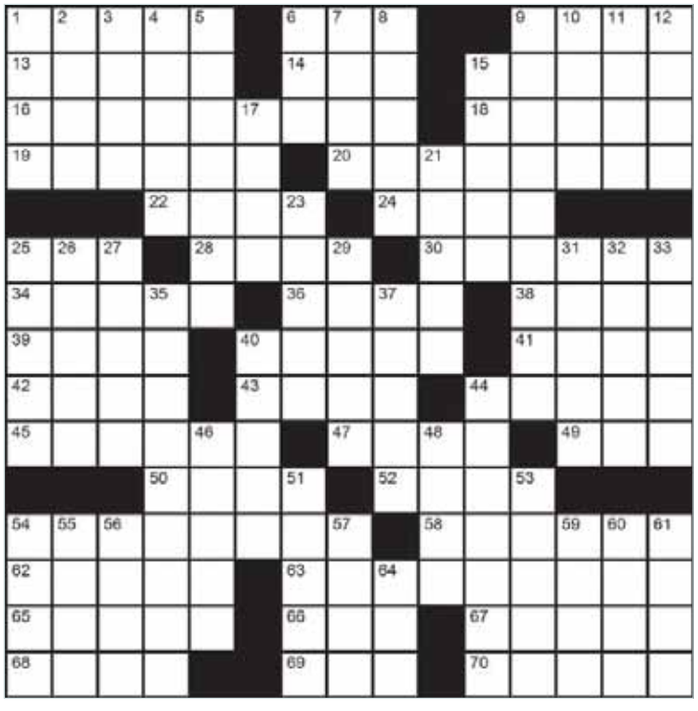
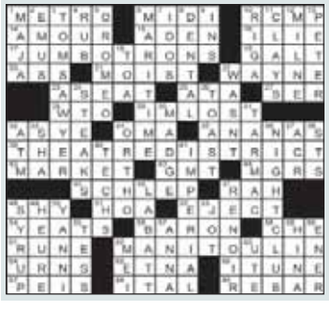


Across
1. Drinks at ice cream parlors
6. Wanna-__ (Aspirants)
9. Steve __ (Anti-apartheid activist portrayed in 1987 film "Cry Freedom")
13. _ __ of faith
14. Keyboard key
15. Practical joke
16. Prime Minister William Lyon __ King
18. __ mortis
19. Tempt
20. Its motto is Gloriosus et Liber
22. Not yet final, at law
24. Peru's capital
25. 'Violin' suffix
28. Engrave
30. Newfoundland town with an international airport
34. Swimming spots
36. Go backpacking
38. Biblical peak
39. Guess Who's "Hang __ __ Your Life"
40. __-Tracy, Quebec
41. Rick's 1942 film beloved
42. God: French
43. Train: Spanish
44. "Bolero" composer
45. Writer
47. Singer Ms. Brickell
49. Stop
50. Walk on ice, do this
52. J.R.R. Tolkien creatures
54. Vancouver band, __ Trench
58. Painter or sculptor
62. '80s TV series, "The _-__"
63. Bigfoot
65. Absurd
66. Poetic contraction
67. Magazine installment
68. Kinks song
69. English cathedral city
70. Herb kind

Down
1. Broadway Auntie
2. Mr. Thicke (Actor born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario)
3. Univ. professor's speech
4. "__' Care of Business" by BTO
5. Charles Darwin's On the Origin of __
6. Director Mr. Luhrmann
7. __. round (Part of a tournament)
8. Be a thief
9. Royal Yacht __ (Yacht that Queen Elizabeth used)
10. Character in Shakespeare's Othello
11. Dresser drawer attachment
12. Ingredient in Cajun cooking
15. __ ballerina
17. Savings = __ egg
21. Mr. Lythgoe, "American Idol" executive producer
23. Blood of ancient Greek gods
25. Apple music players
26. Type of boom
27. Bag carrier
29. New employee
31. __ into (Do investigative work)
32. Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
33. Willy Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
35. American state with Acadian ancestry
37. The Way of the Sword, martial art of Japan
40. American writer Gertrude
44. Military enlistee
46. Point a finger at
48. Baghdad's locale
51. Use glue
53. Hidden hoard
54. Canada Post stuff
55. __ time (Never): 2 wds.
56. Authentic
57. Navigate
59. __-bitsy
60. Soap __ (Bathroom cleanser's target)
61. You, Shakespeare-style
64. Mr. Stallone, nicknamed

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		7	2		5		6	
9		3	1	4		5		
	6						1	2
2			5		4		9	3
	9			8			4	
6	4		9		3			8
4	5						3	
		9		5	1	8		6
	1		3		2	7		

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	1	8	6	3	2	5	7	9
9	2	3	7	4	5	8	6	1
7	6	5	8	1	9	3	4	2
8	9	2	1	5	6	7	3	4
1	7	6	3	9	4	2	8	5
3	5	4	2	8	7	1	9	6
2	4	1	9	7	3	6	5	8
5	8	7	4	6	1	9	2	3
6	3	9	5	2	8	4	1	7

Today 8°/5° Showers
Thursday 9°/3° Showers

Know what the weather will be 14 days from now.
Check the 14 day trend.
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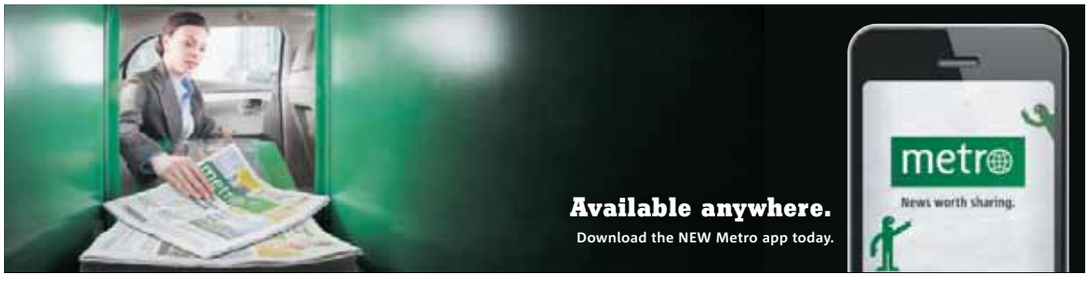

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ON SELECT MODELS

Limited model shown

2013 SANTA FE 2.4L FWD

2013 CANADIAN UTILITY VEHICLE OF THE YEAR

HWY: 6.7L/100 KM
CITY: 10.1L/100 KM▼

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$167 BI-WEEKLY	1.99%† FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	$0 DOWN PAYMENT		$2,000 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω ON SELECT TRIMS	$28,259♦ SANTA FE 2.4L FWD AUTO. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

GLS model shown

2013 ACCENT L

2012 BEST NEW SMALL CAR (UNDER $21K)

HWY: 5.3L/100 KM
CITY: 7.1L/100 KM▼

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$82 BI-WEEKLY	0%† FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	$0 DOWN PAYMENT		$1,250 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω ON SELECT TRIMS	$14,894♦ ACCENT 4 DR L 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

INCLUDES $750 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω

SE with Tech. shown

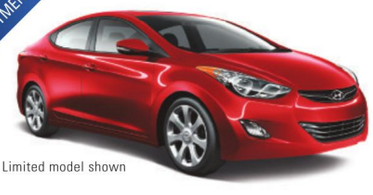
2013 ELANTRA GT GL

2013 BEST NEW SMALL CAR (OVER $21K)

HWY: 5.3L/100 KM
CITY: 7.8L/100 KM▼

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$110 BI-WEEKLY	0%† FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	$0 DOWN PAYMENT		$2,000 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω ON SELECT TRIMS	$19,894♦ ELANTRA GT GL 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & $750 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω INCLUDED.

INCLUDES $500 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω



Limited model shown

2013 ELANTRA L

2012 CANADIAN & NORTH AMERICAN CAR OF THE YEAR

HWY: 5.2L/100 KM
CITY: 7.1L/100 KM▼

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$94 BI-WEEKLY	0%† FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	$0 DOWN PAYMENT		$1,750 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω ON SELECT TRIMS	$16,944♦ ELANTRA L 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & $500 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω INCLUDED.

Limited model shown

2013 TUCSON L

HWY: 7.7L/100 KM
CITY: 10.4L/100 KM▼

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$124 BI-WEEKLY	0.99%† FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	$0 DOWN PAYMENT		$2,500 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS Ω ON SELECT TRIMS	$21,759♦ TUCSON L 5-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

5 YEAR WARRANTY
100,000 KM
COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY††

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty

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